

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1-20 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at page 3 line 25, and page 10, line 23 - page 11, line 24. Claims 1-20 are pending with claim 1 being independent. Accordingly, in view of the amendments to them, the claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to counsel's Deposit Account Number 503-121. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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